

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for customizing a display of system services within an administrative interface comprising the steps of:

categorizing system services into functional categories based on functions of the system services, wherein the system services are software programs that constantly run in the background of an operating system that perform actions for the operating system;

establishing a plurality of system service profiles based on functional roles of users, each system service profile representing a customized subset of the system services;

detecting a request for the presentation of system services from a user;

ascertaining an identity of the user and at least one functional role associated with the user;

determining at least one of said system service profiles corresponding to the at least one functional role of the user;

determining at least one system service to be displayed in accordance with the at least one determined system service profile; and

displaying the determined at least one system service within the administrative interface in a manner that the determined at least one system service is navigable based on the functional categories of the determined at least one system service, the at least one determined system service profile corresponding to the user, and computing devices providing the determined at least one system service.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
categorizing said system services by computing device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, said categorizing step further comprising the step of:
categorizing the system services according to servers that provide said system services.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, said establishing step further comprising the step of:

providing a system services configuration interface so that authorized users can modify at least one system service profile.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, said providing step further comprising the steps of:

providing a series of views to perform a task relating to at least one system service profile in a step-wise fashion, whereby said series of views represent a system service profile configuration wizard.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system services are Microsoft (TM) system services that execute within a Microsoft (TM) type operating system.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said system services are presented within a graphical user interface included within the Microsoft Configuration Utility (TM).

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said system services profiles are integrated with the directory services of an operating system handling said system services.

11-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

categorizing system services into functional categories based on functions of the system services, wherein the system services are software programs that constantly run in the background of an operating system that perform actions for the operating system;

establishing a plurality of system service profiles based on functional roles of users, each system service profile representing a customized subset of the system services;

detecting a request for the presentation of system services from a user;

ascertaining an identity of the user and at least one functional role associated with the user;

determining at least one of said system service profiles corresponding to the at least one functional role of the user;

determining at least one system service to be displayed in accordance with the at least one determined system service profile; and

displaying the determined at least one system service within an administrative interface in a manner that the determined at least one system service is navigable based on the functional categories of the determined at least one system service, the at least one

determined system service profile corresponding to the user, and computing devices providing the determined at least one system service.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for customizing a display of system services within an administrative interface comprising:

means for categorizing system services into functional categories based on functions of the system services, wherein the system services are software programs that constantly run in the background of an operating system that perform actions for the operating system;

means for establishing a plurality of system service profiles based on functional roles of users, each system service profile representing a customized subset of the system services;

means for detecting a request for the presentation of system services from a user;

means for ascertaining an identity of the user and at least one functional role associated with the user;

means for determining at least one of said system service profiles corresponding to the at least one functional role of the user;

means for determining at least one system service to be displayed in accordance with the at least one determined system service profile; and

means for displaying the determined at least one system service within the administrative interface in a manner that the determined at least one system service is navigable based on the functional categories of the determined at least one system service, the at least one determined system service profile corresponding to the user, and computing devices providing the determined at least one system service.